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**Ladybird Graded Readers**

# Town Mouse and Country Mouse



**Grade 2**













To read fluently is one of the basic aims of anyone learning English as a foreign language. **And it's never too early to start.** Ladybird Graded Readers are interesting but simple stories designed to encourage children between the ages of 6 and 10 to read with pleasure.

Reading is an excellent way of reinforcing language already acquired, as well as broadening a child's vocabulary. Ladybird Graded Readers use a limited number of grammatical structures and a carefully controlled vocabulary, but where the story demands it, a small number of words outside the basic vocabulary are introduced. In ***Town Mouse and Country Mouse*** the following words are outside the basic vocabulary for this grade:

**carpet, cleaner, Christmas, climb,  
country, mouse, noisy, parcel, park**

*Further details of the structures and vocabulary used at each grade can be found in the Ladybird Graded Readers leaflet.*

*A list of books in the series can be found on the back cover.*

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# Town Mouse and Country Mouse

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This is Country  
Mouse. He lives in  
the country.







His home is in a  
tree.



This is Town Mouse.  
He lives in the town.







His home is in a house.





Town Mouse comes to  
the country. He wants  
to stay with Country  
Mouse.







Country Mouse says,  
"I like the country."





It's quiet. You'll be  
happy here, Town Mouse."







This owl wants to  
catch Town Mouse and  
Country Mouse. They  
run away.





Country Mouse says,  
"Come into this tree,  
Town Mouse! Hurry! Hurry!"





Country Mouse and Town  
Mouse have supper.





Town Mouse says,  
"I don't like this food.  
It isn't like the food  
in the town."







Country Mouse and  
Town Mouse go to bed.





Town Mouse says,  
"I don't like this bed.  
It isn't like my bed  
in the town."





Town Mouse tells Country Mouse, "It's too quiet here. I can't sleep!"









The next day Country  
Mouse is looking for  
food.

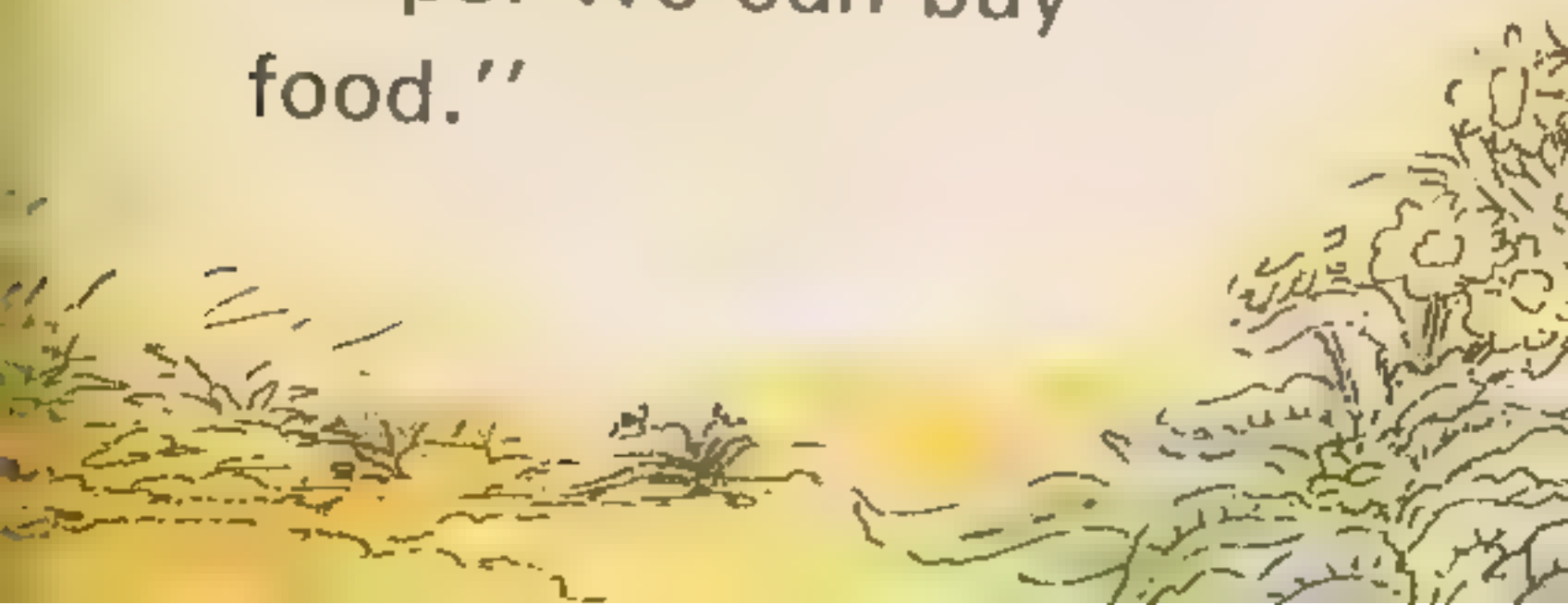
"Come and help me,"  
he says.



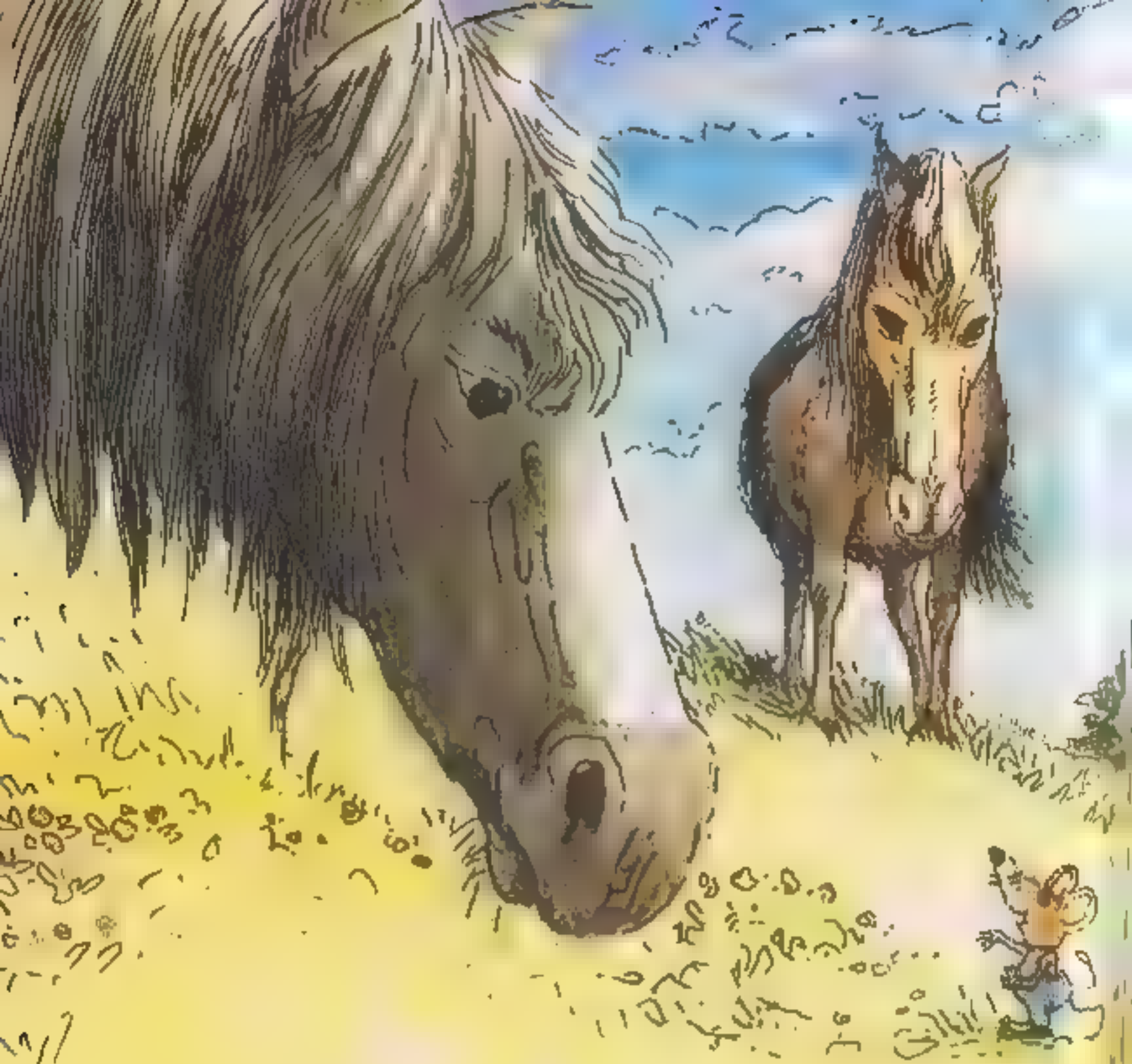




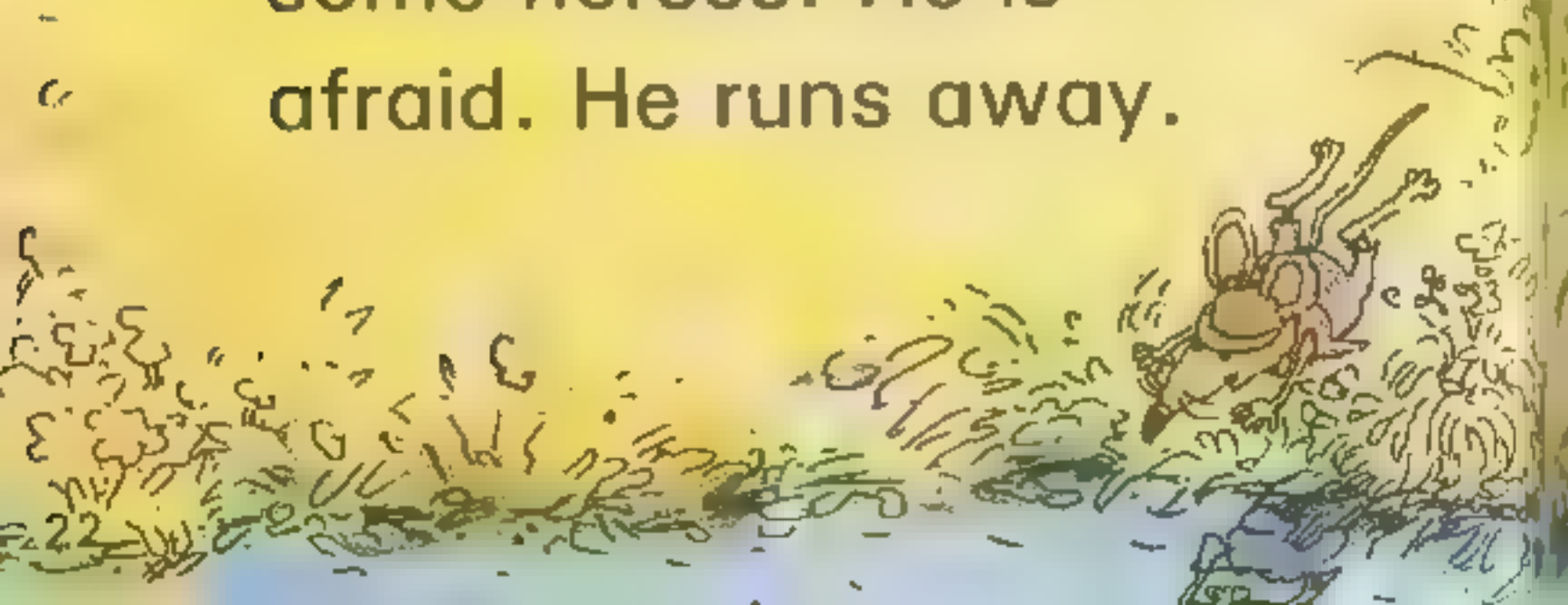
“No,” Town Mouse says.  
“In the town we have  
shops. We can buy  
food.”



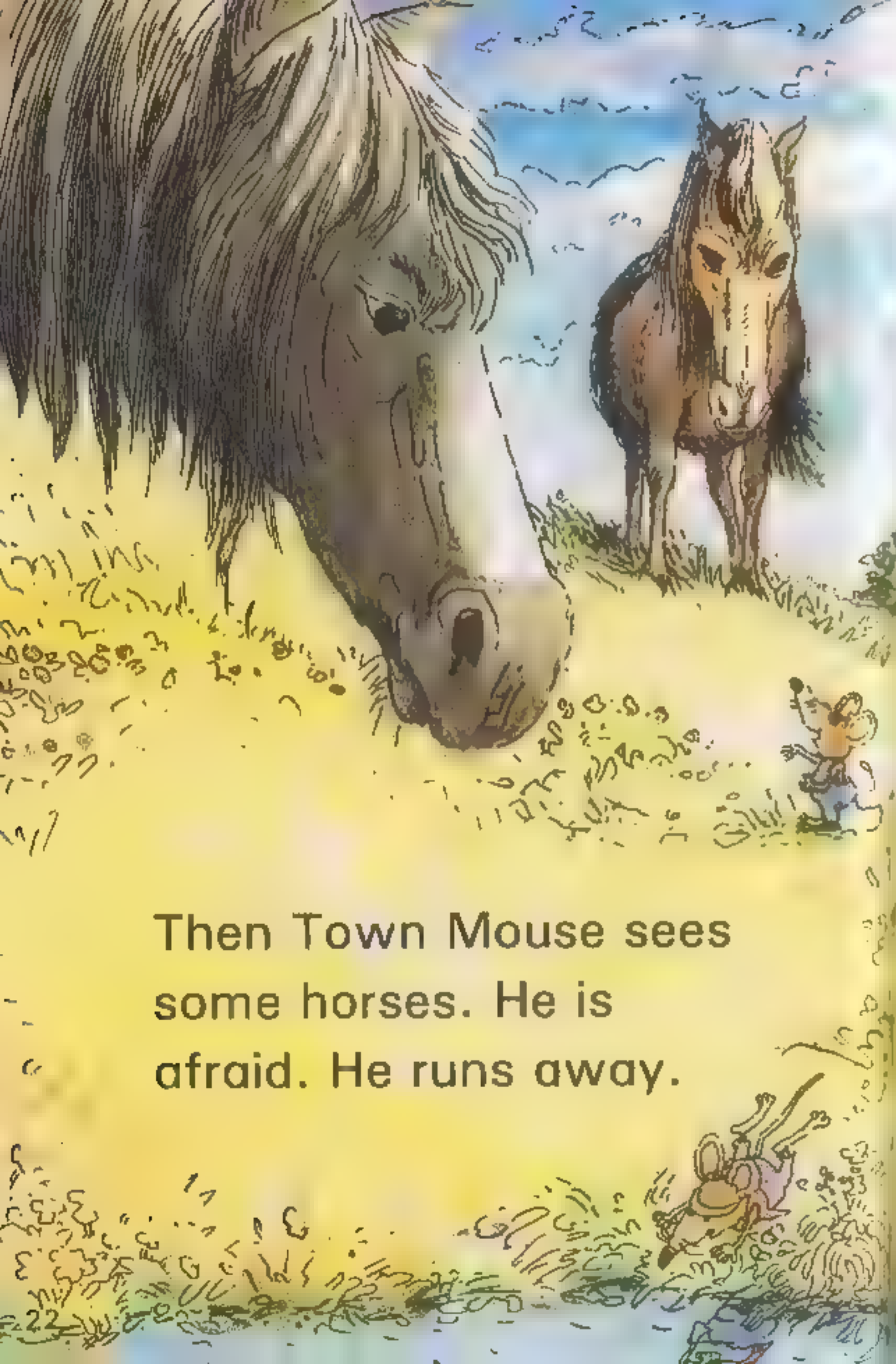




Then Town Mouse sees  
some horses. He is  
afraid. He runs away.



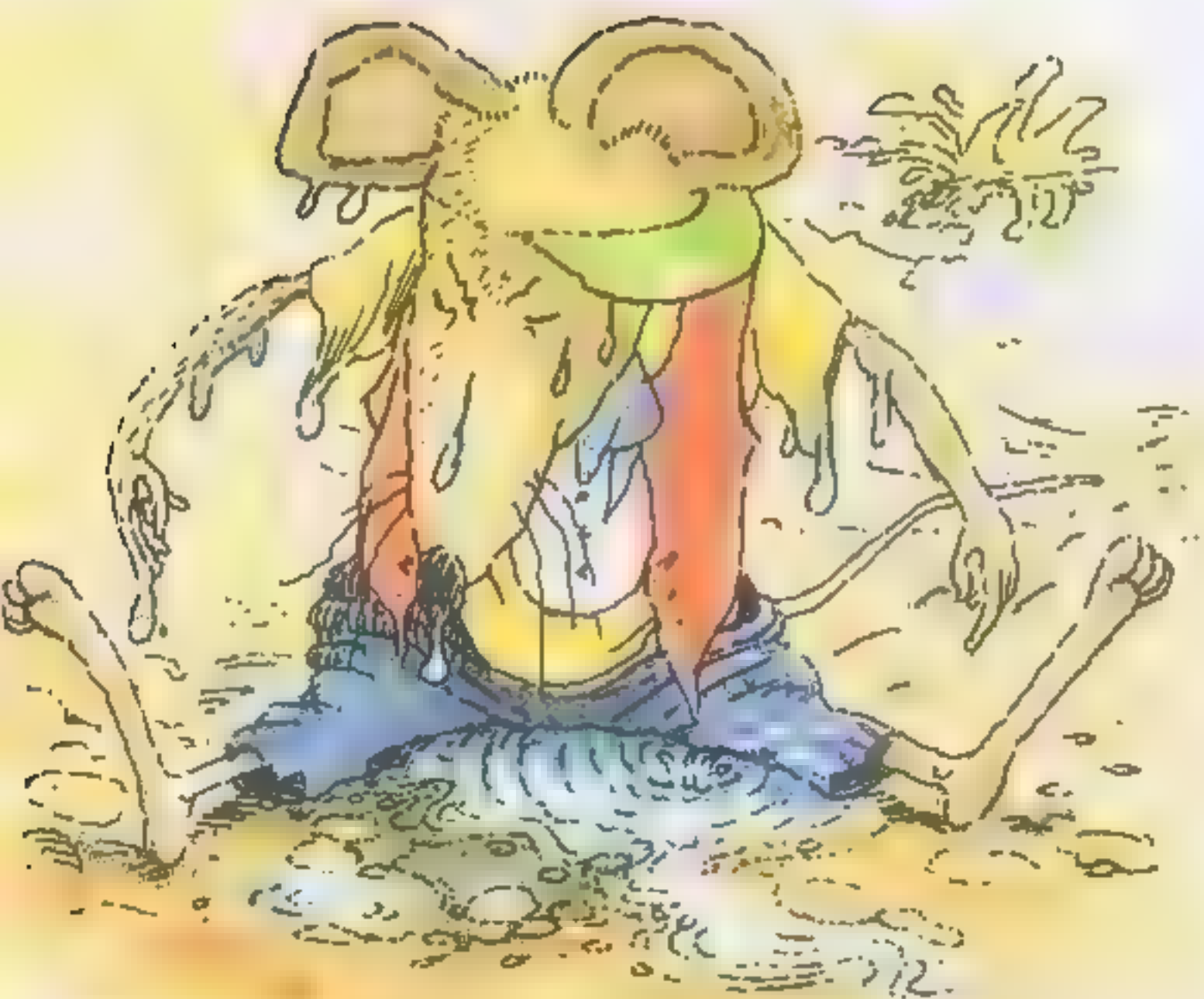




He jumps into the  
water.

Then Town Mouse sees  
some horses. He is  
afraid. He runs away.

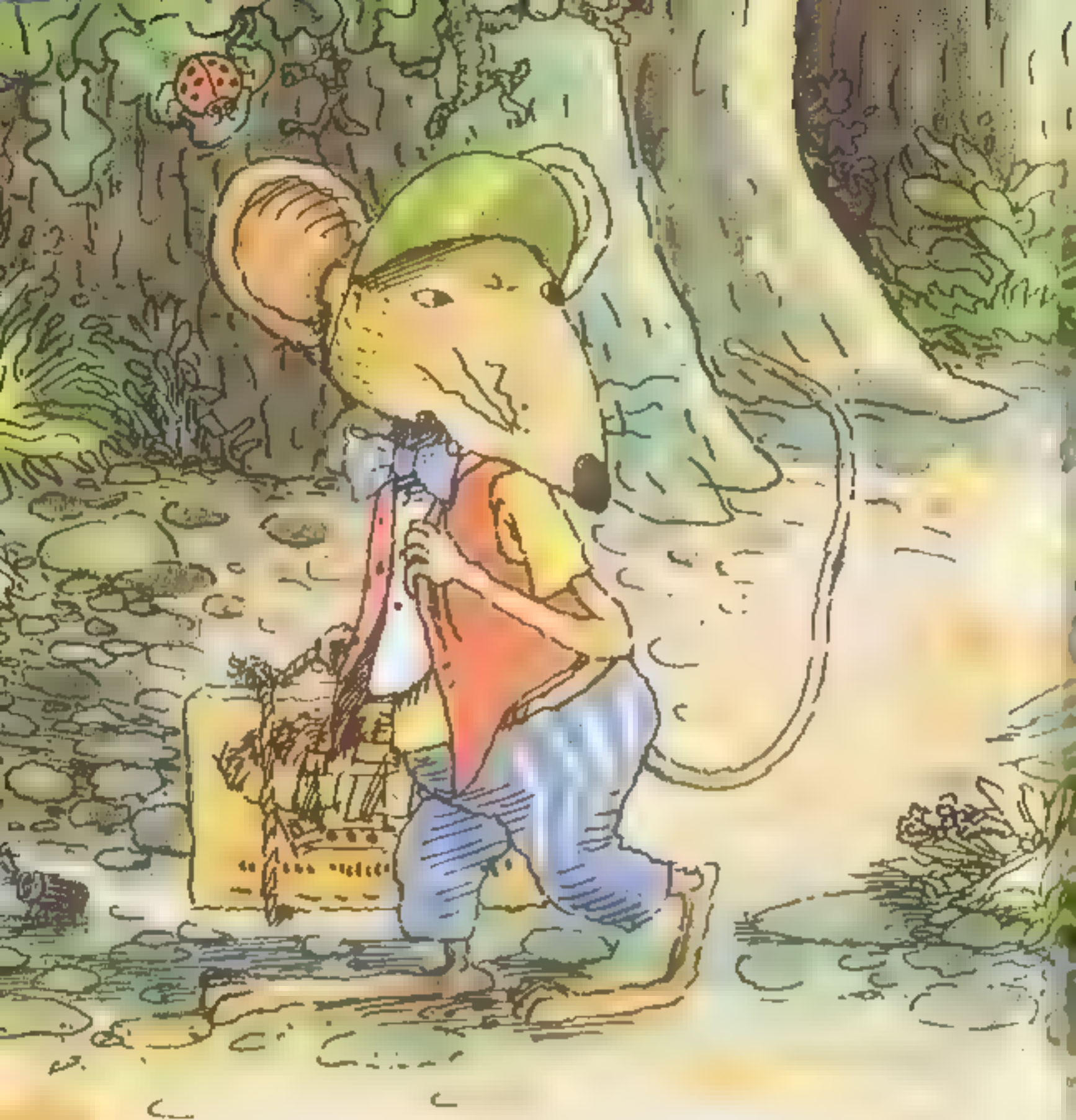
Town Mouse says,  
“I don’t like the country.  
I want to go home.





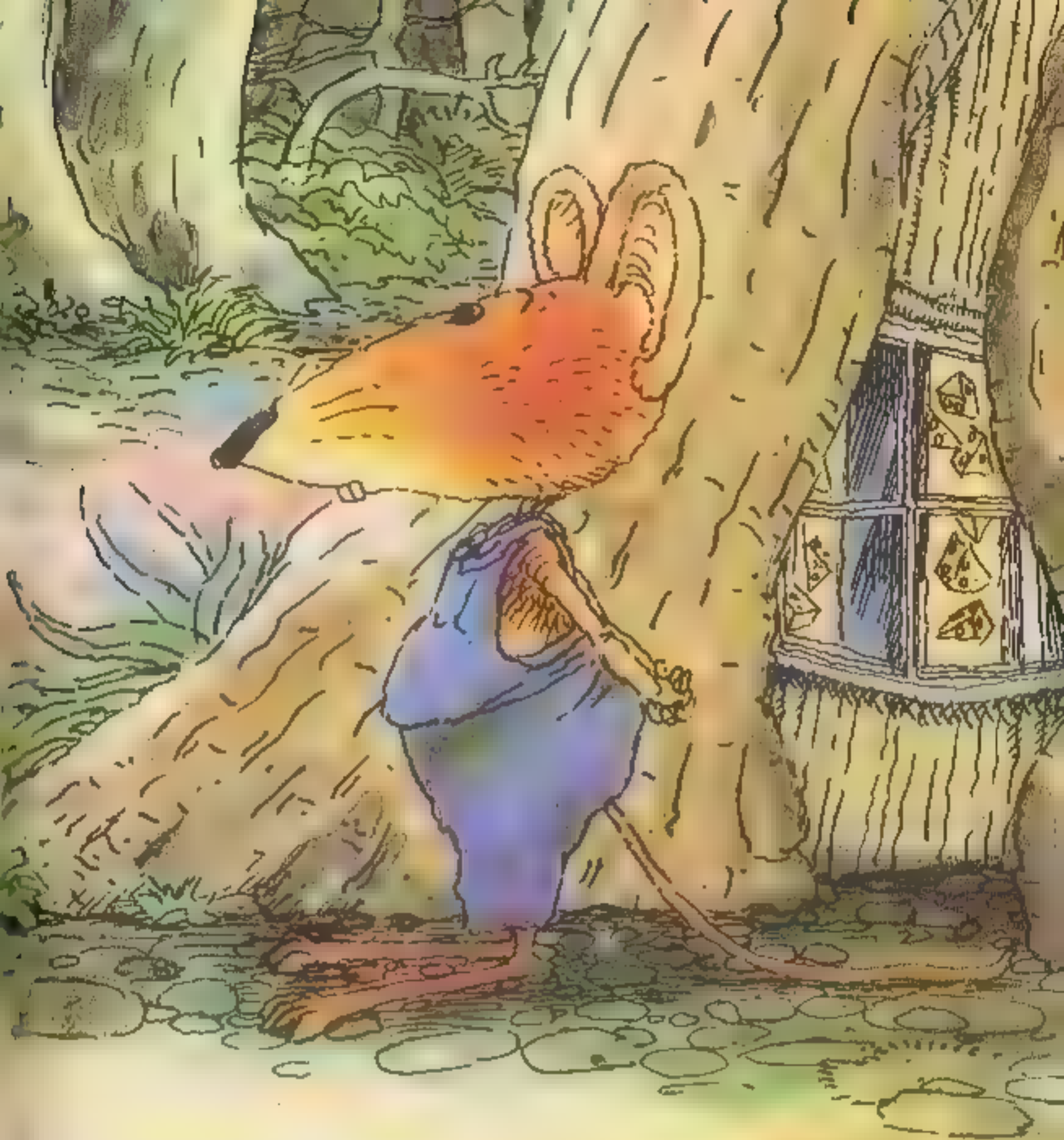


We don't have horses in  
the town."



"Come with me to the town, Country Mouse," Town Mouse says.





“We can go to the shops  
in the town.”

Town Mouse sees a car.

“Look,” he says. “We  
can go to the town in  
this car.”







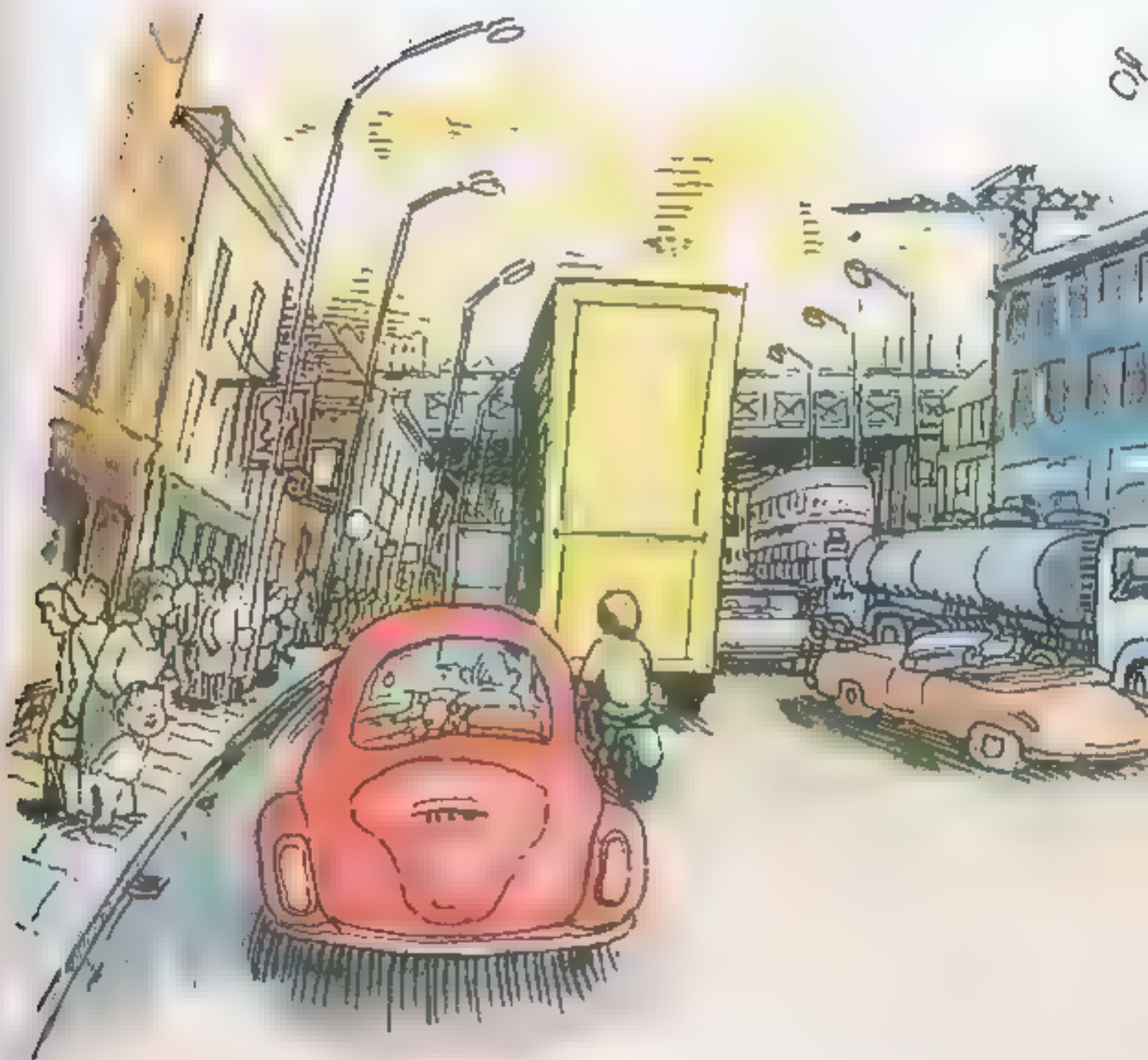
They jump into the  
car.

The car goes to the town. Country Mouse sees the shops.

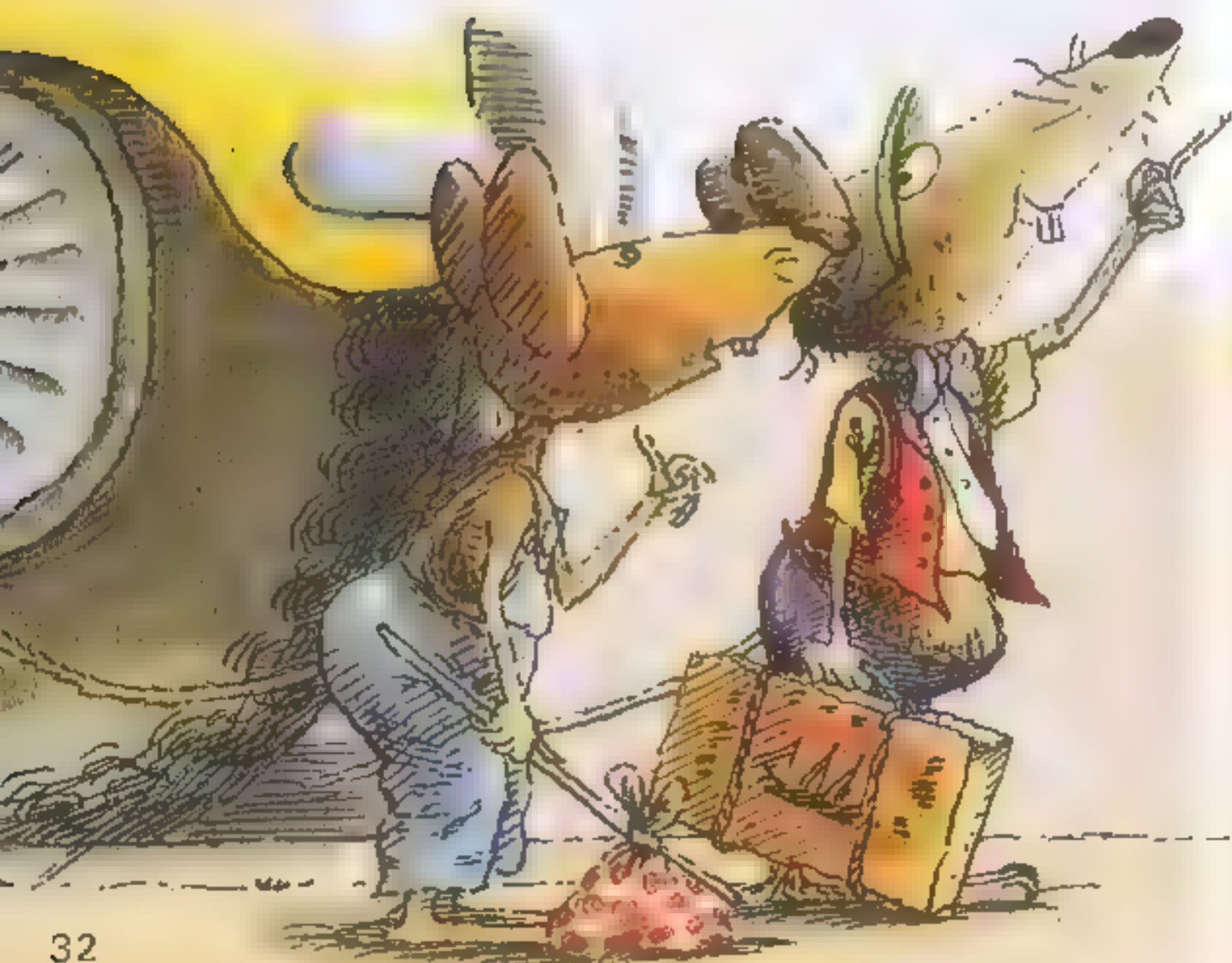




He sees the cars. It  
is not quiet in the  
town. It is noisy.



Town Mouse says,  
“I like the town.  
I don’t live in a tree.  
I live in a house.







You'll be happy here,  
Country Mouse."

Town Mouse and Country  
Mouse have supper.





Country Mouse says,  
"I don't like this food.  
It isn't like the  
food in the country."



Town Mouse and Country  
Mouse go to bed.

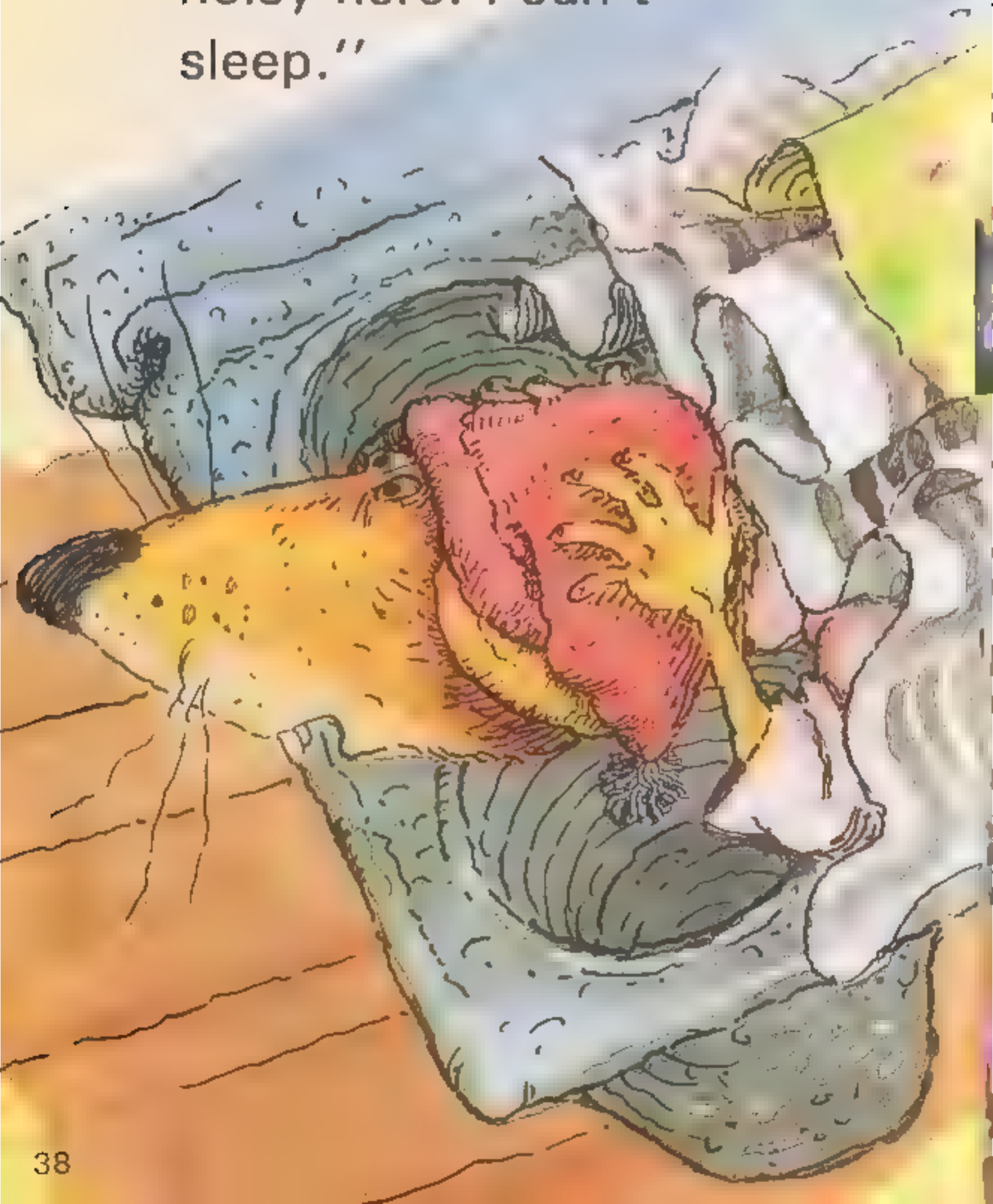




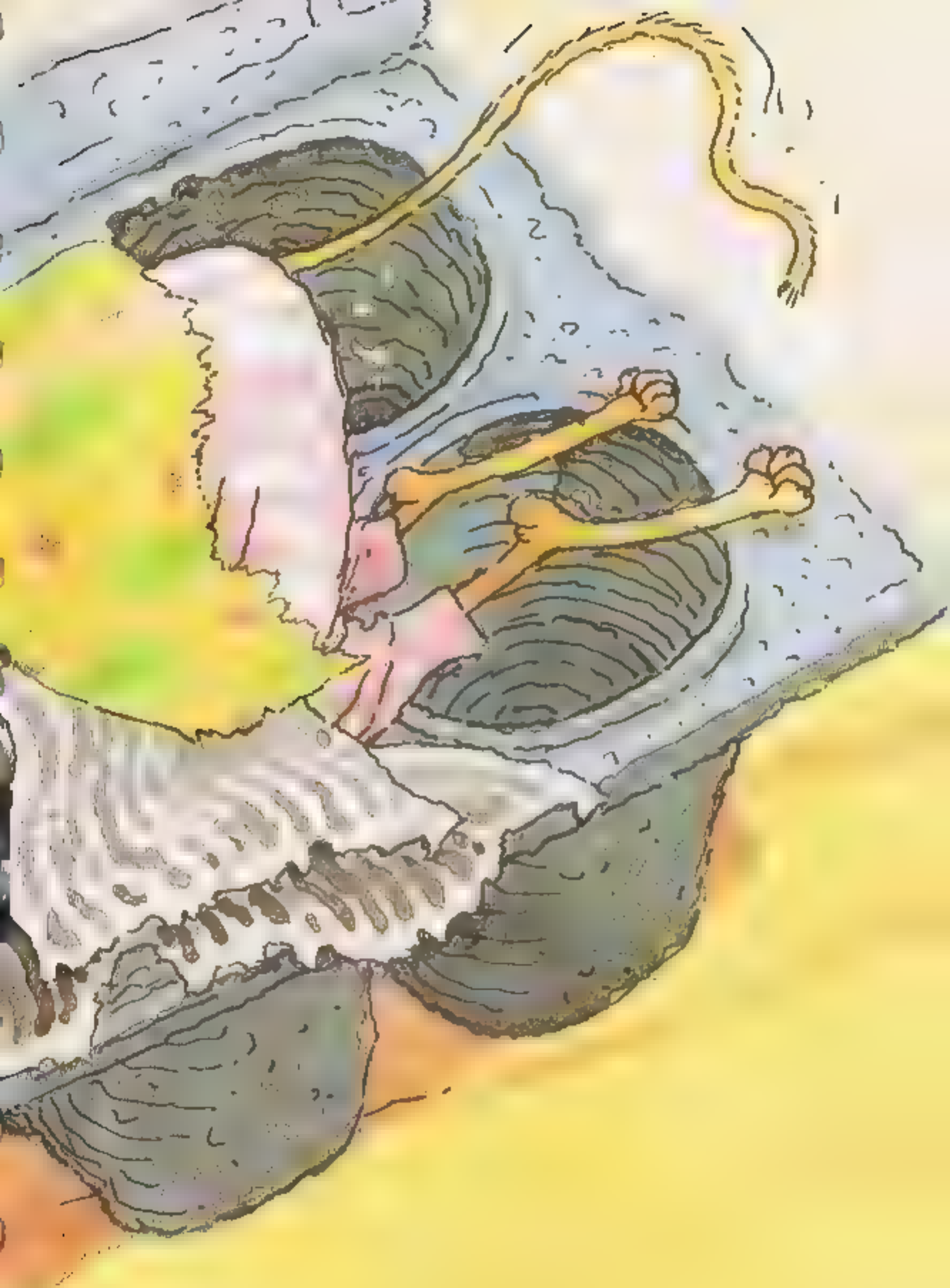
Country Mouse says,  
“I don’t like this  
bed. It isn’t like  
my bed in the country.”



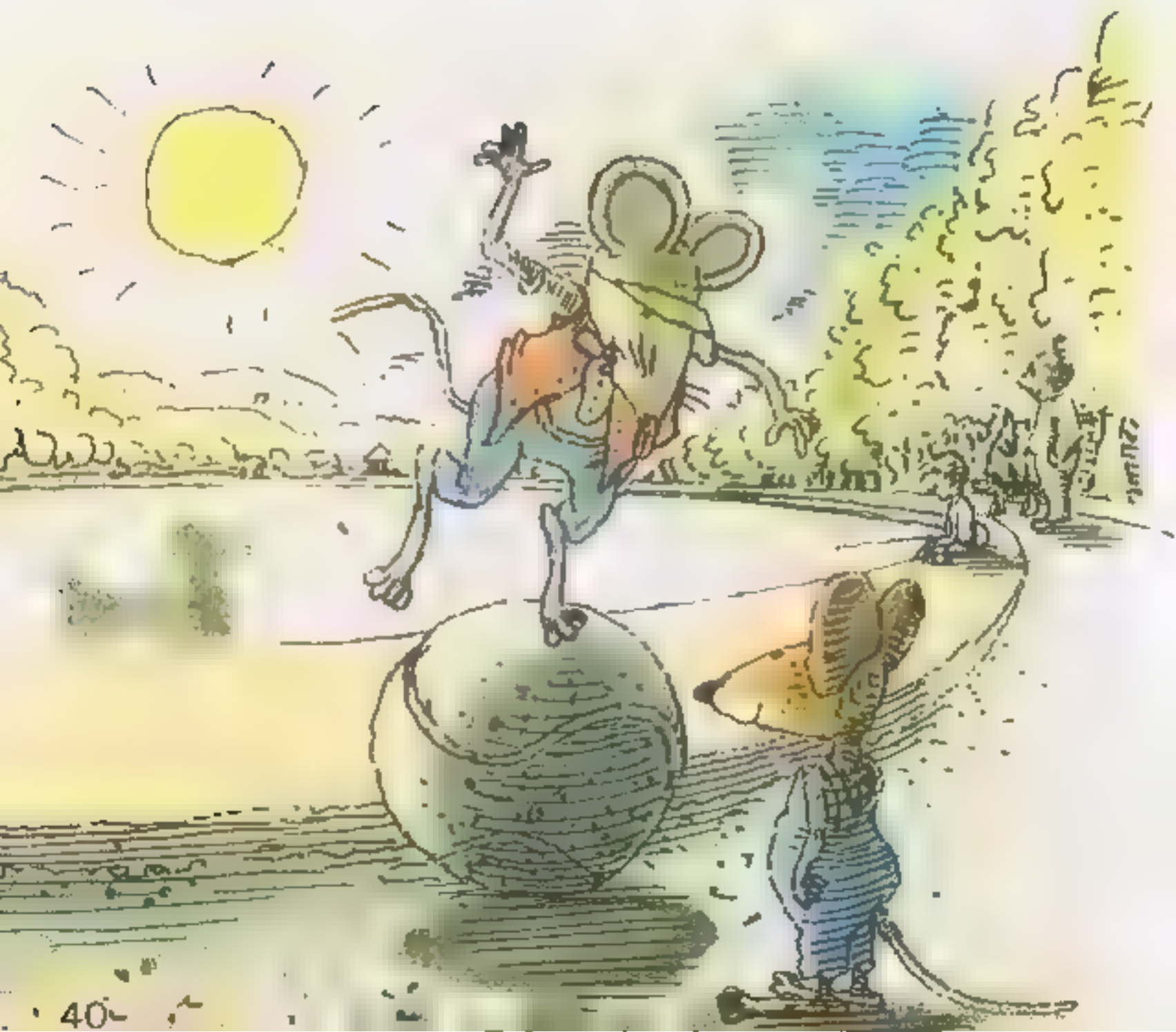
Country Mouse tells  
Town Mouse, "It's too  
noisy here. I can't  
sleep."





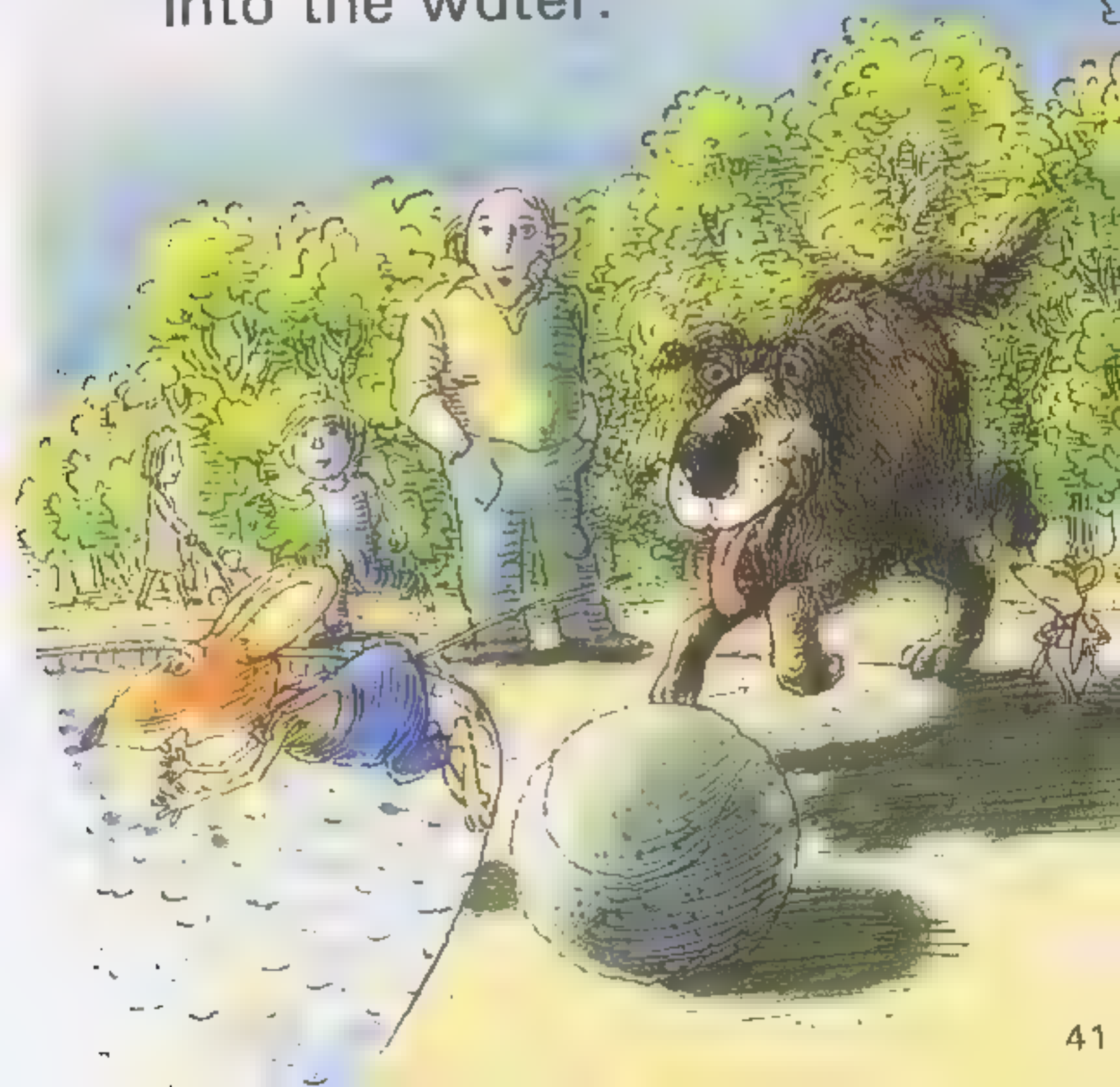


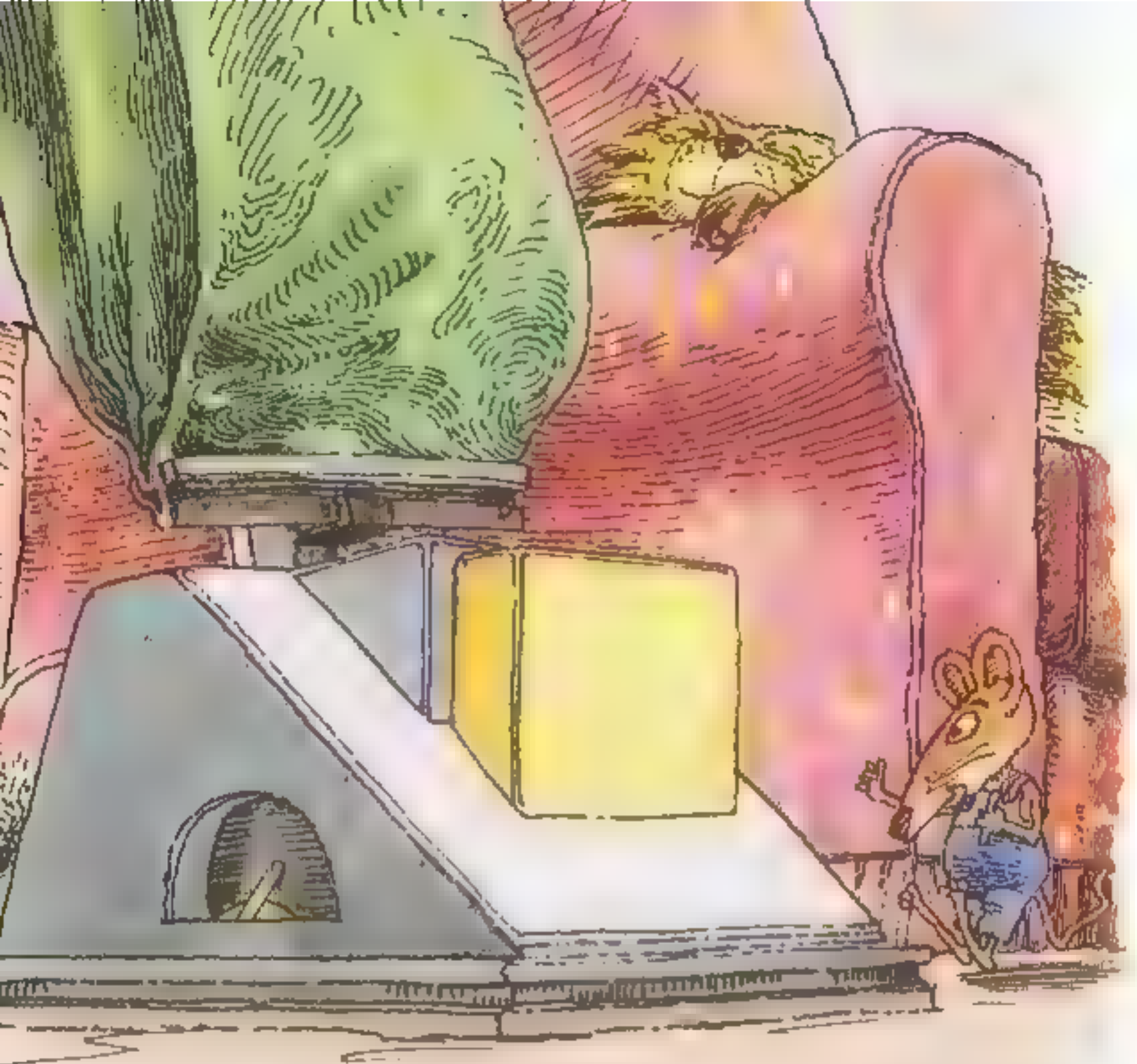
The next day Town  
Mouse and Country  
Mouse go to the park.  
They play with a ball.  
They are happy.





Then Country Mouse sees  
a dog. The dog wants  
their ball. Country  
Mouse is afraid. He  
runs away. He jumps  
into the water.





Country Mouse sees a  
carpet cleaner in the  
house. He is afraid.  
He runs away again.





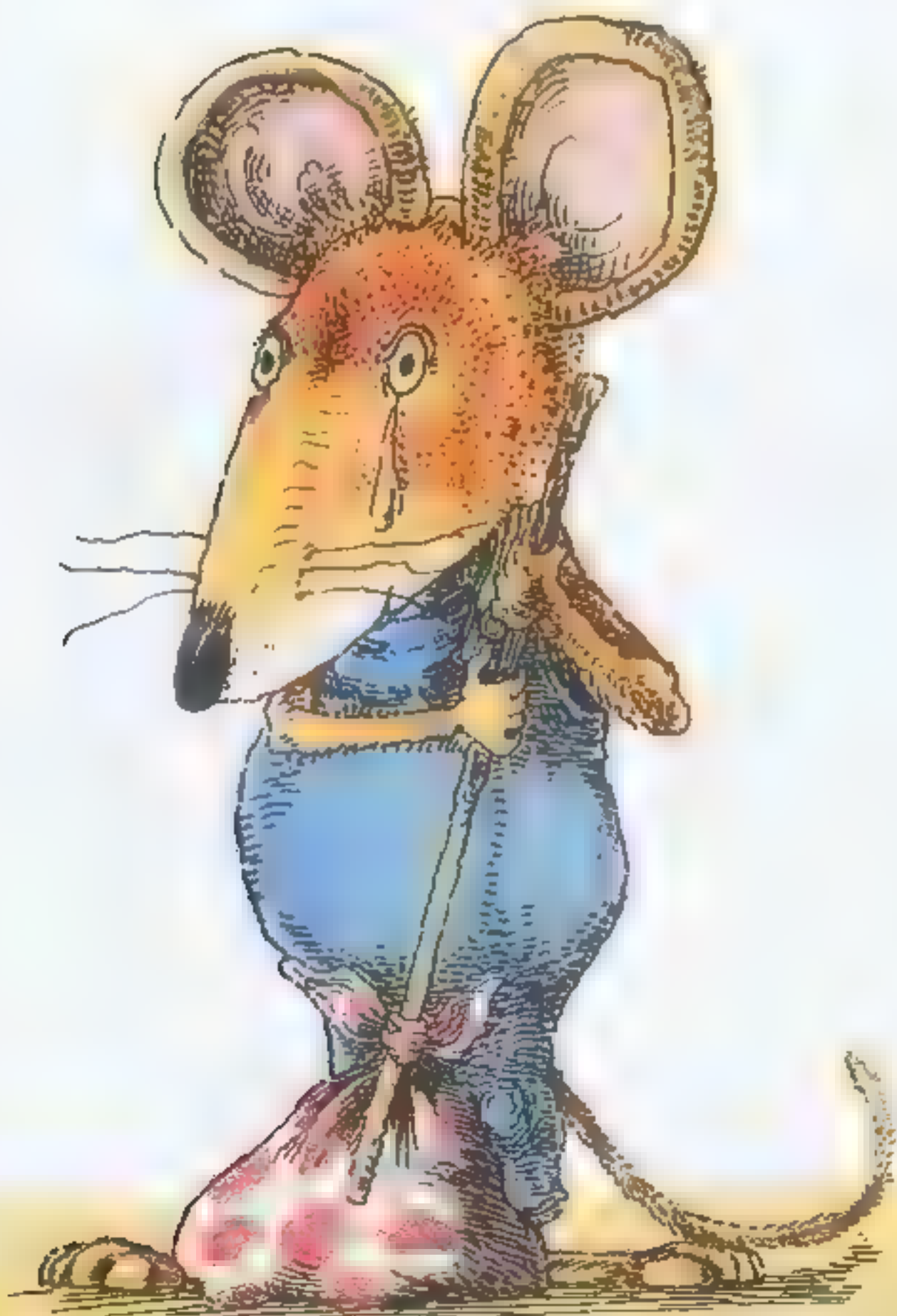
“Come into this hole,  
Country Mouse!” Town  
Mouse says. “Hurry!  
Hurry!”



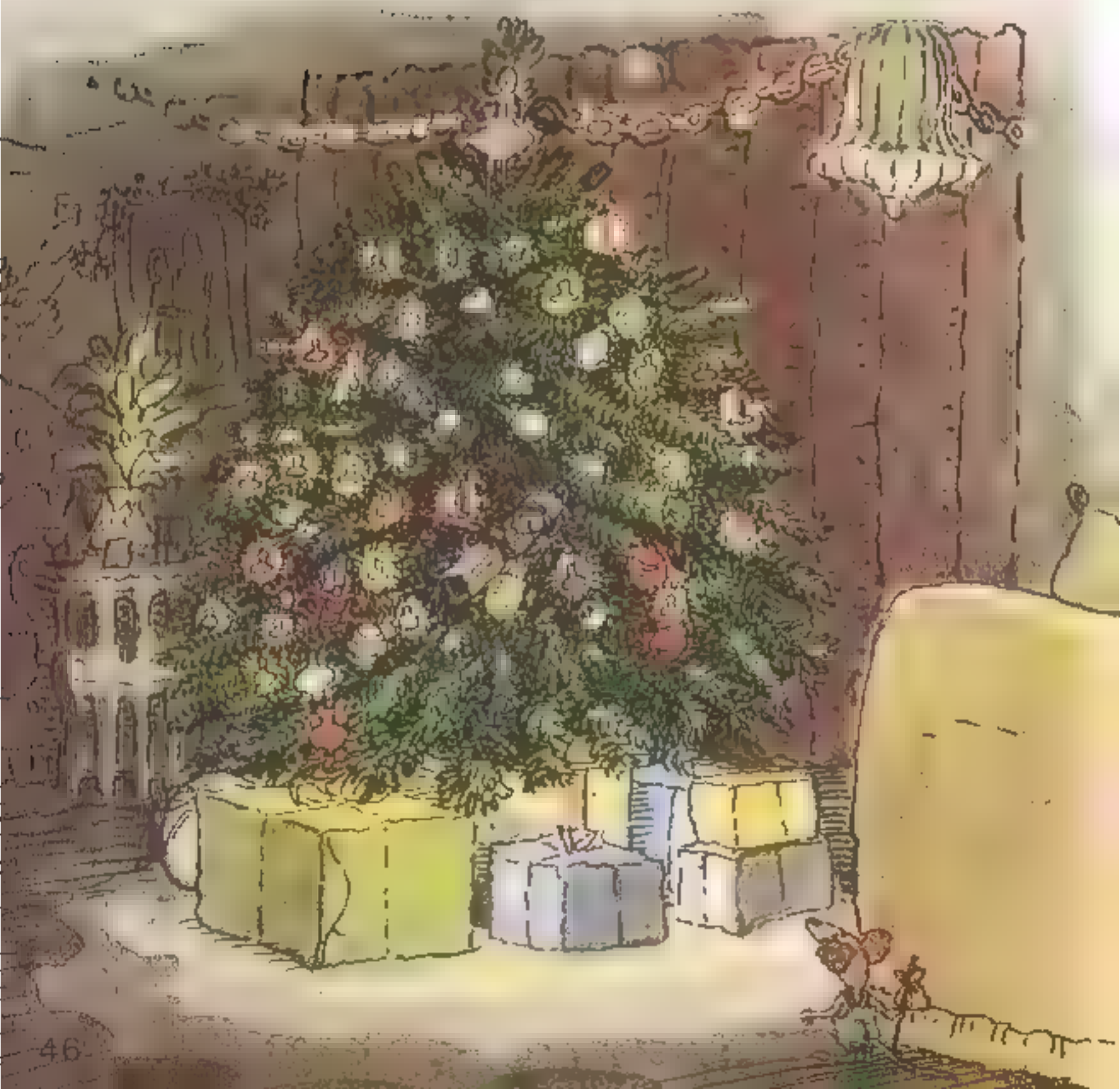
This cat wants to  
catch Town Mouse and  
Country Mouse. They  
are in the hole.



Country Mouse says,  
"I don't like the town.  
I want to go home."

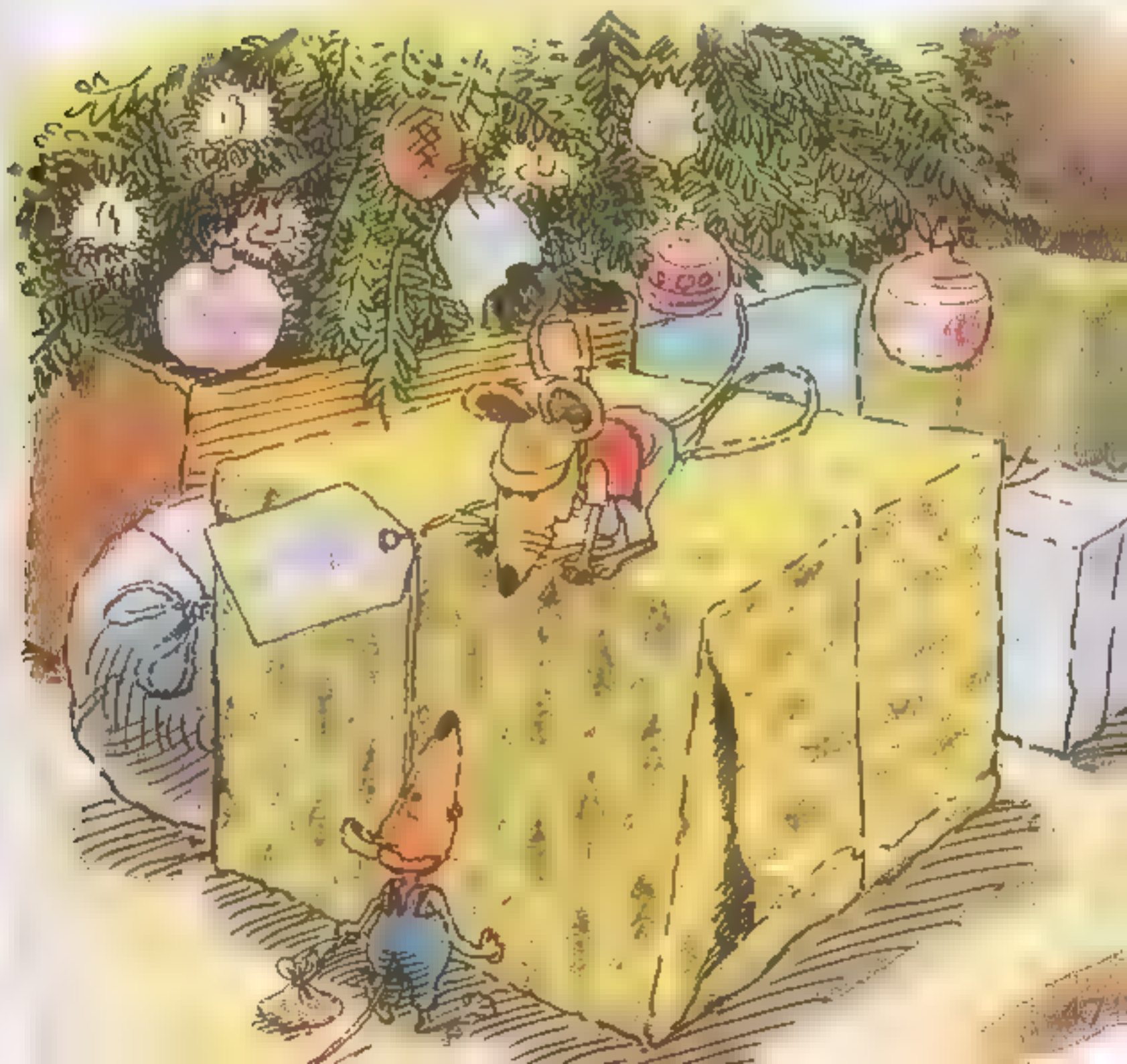


Country Mouse sees a  
Christmas tree and  
some Christmas parcels.





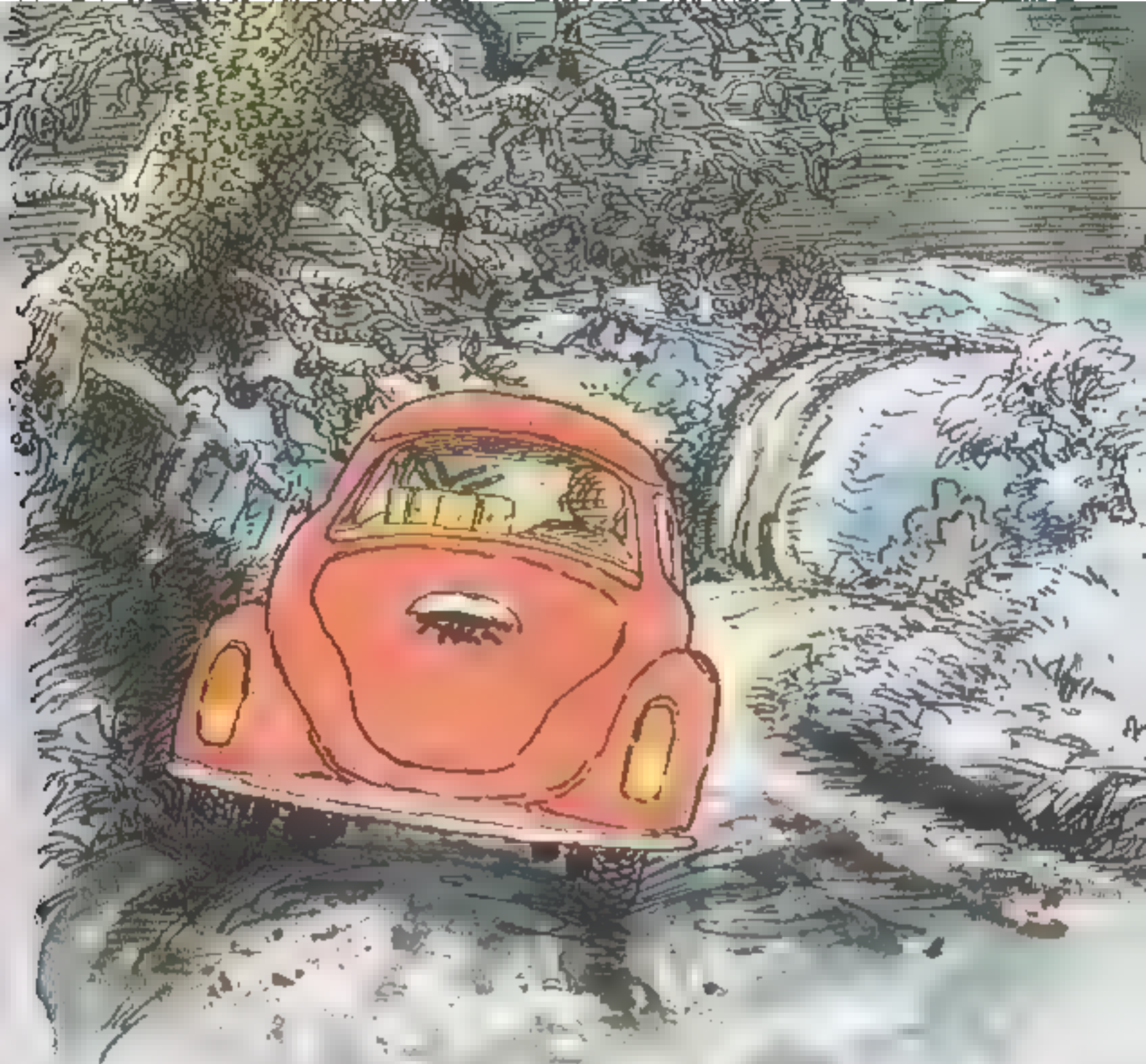
“Look,” Town Mouse says.  
“This parcel is going  
to the country. It’s  
going near your home.  
You can go home  
inside the parcel.”



The parcel is in a  
car. Country Mouse  
is inside the parcel.







The car goes to the  
country.



Country Mouse says,  
"Here's my home. I'm  
happy in the country.  
I don't like the town."



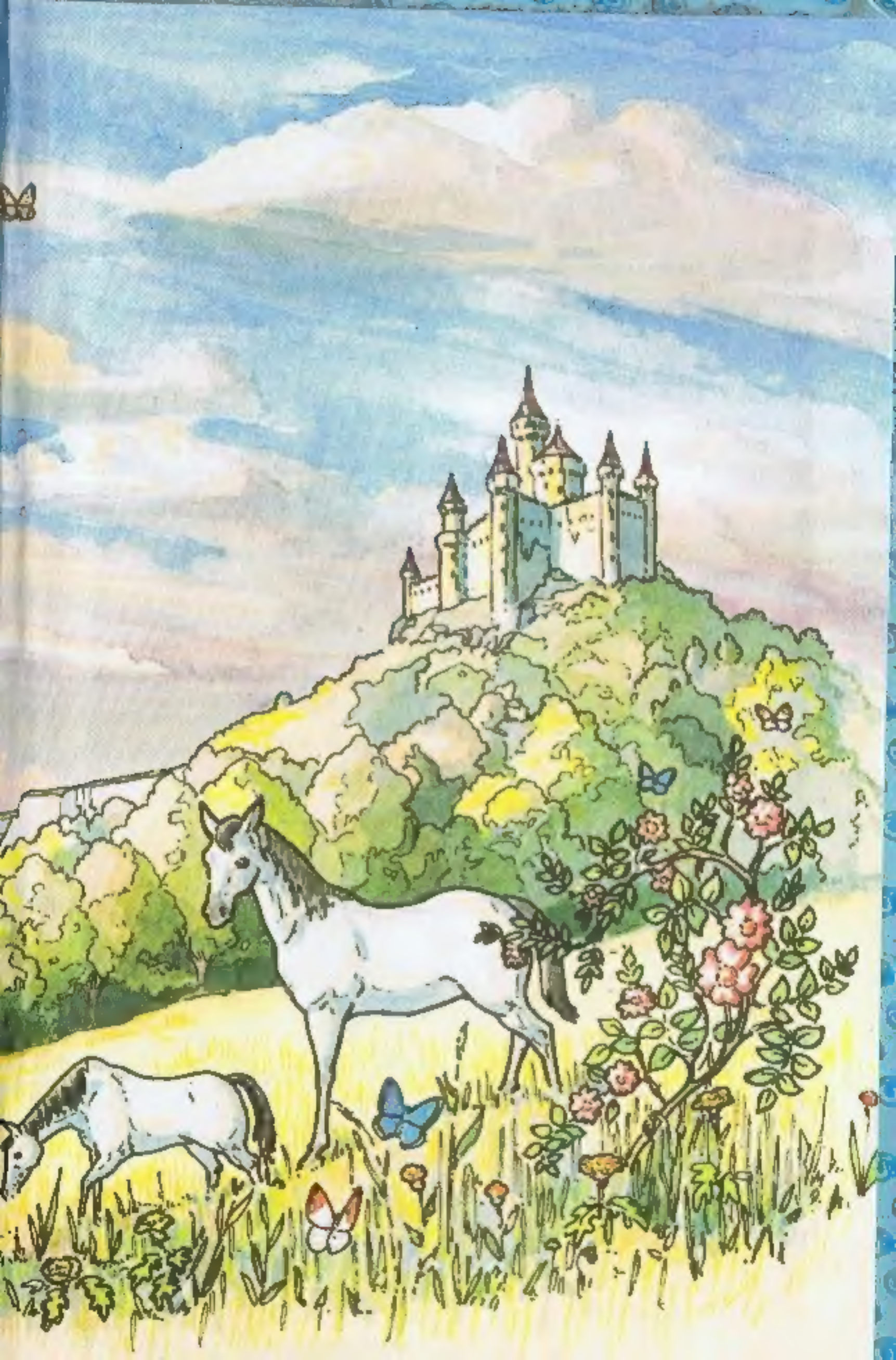


I'm a country mouse  
not a town mouse."











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The vocabulary and grammatical structures used at each grade have been carefully selected to encourage children to start reading in English as soon as possible. Pre-recorded cassettes are also available.

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*Hansel and Gretel*  
*The Elves and the*  
*Shoemaker*  
*The Sly Fox and Red Hen*

**GRADE 2 (Blue)**

*Town Mouse and*  
*Country Mouse*  
*The Ugly Duckling*  
*Three Little Pigs*  
*Red Riding Hood*  
*Peter and the Wolf*  
*Rapunzel*

A parent/teacher leaflet giving details of vocabulary and grammar used at each grade is also available.

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